



“ I’m thankful
for Bobby and
Duo Dogs every
single day.

- Amy V., Duo Client

A my started losing her hearing during her first year of university at 19 years old. At the same time, she was also developing symptoms of what we now know as Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, a genetic connective tissue disorder that affects all of the body’s systems. Now, at 24, Amy gets to share her creativity in new ways. She is a commercial healthcare interior designer, art history lover, and disability activist.

Amy found Duo Dogs through Assistance Dogs International, and after speaking with our Program Social Worker and learning about the program, she knew that she had found a perfect fit. Amy describes Bobby as the smartest dog, always picking up new sounds and skills as needed and meeting whatever goals are set for him, while still having his goofy moments and being a cuddle companion. Amy and Bobby have been a team since the end of June, and she can’t picture her life without him. He has given her confidence and a renewed sense of safety. Amy and Bobby’s bond will only continue to grow over their 8 year partnership with Duo, which includes yearly recertification and check-ins with the Duo Dogs Team.

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DEAR DUO FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,



What a year! As always, we are grateful for you, your time, and your support as a volunteer, financial contributor, or friend that helps share the good news of Duo Dogs. It all matters. Outlined in this report are details on impact areas within our organization. We continue to uncover ways to add value to our programs. For example, Duo Touch Therapy Teams can provide support to a facility on the wait list for a Duo Facility dog. An organization with a Duo Facility dog learns that Duo Touch Therapy

teams can complement their organization in a different way too. There are important connections between our Duo Assistance Dog program and Duo Touch Therapy program.

What is common to both programs is their impact comes from an extraordinary bond between a person and a dog. That's the Duo. We build duos! I recently witnessed the placement of Duo Dog Woody with our new friends at Saint Louis University. First day on the job, Woody brightened faces, encouraged smiles and conversation, and in his own way - connected with adults and students alike. There are more and more Duo blue capes in our community, whether they are Duo Assistance dogs or Duo Touch Therapy dogs. Know that behind those blue capes are thousands of hours of deliberate effort to create a team that improves lives for individuals and communities.

We're just getting started. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have. Your volunteerism and financial support are the fuel behind these winning teams. Enjoy the report!

Most sincerely,

Dawn Van Houten
Chief Executive Officer

ABOUT DUO DOGS

Duo Dogs Inc. is a multi-faceted nonprofit service organization that builds extraordinary bonds between people and dogs, improving lives for individuals and communities. Duo breeds, trains, and places service dogs that provide courage and independence to people who have physical and hearing challenges, veterans living with PTSD, and facilities who serve vulnerable populations. In addition, Duo certifies volunteers and their own personal dogs as Duo Touch Therapy Teams to visit places like hospitals and schools throughout the St. Louis community. Established in 1983, St. Louis based Duo Dogs Inc. is accredited by Assistance Dogs International and is in compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act.



2023 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL REVENUE

\$2,523,896

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$2,019,262

NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year

\$5,862,477

End of Year

\$6,400,482



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PRAISE FOR DUO DOGS

“ I have been blessed with two amazing pups from Duo. They have both been my partners in a way many do not understand. My high level of confidence and independence is because of what these pups have provided for me. It's a partnership.

- Duo Mobility Client

“ As long as my dog is with me, I can handle anything.

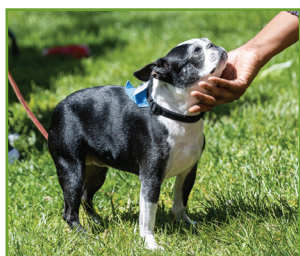
- Duo PTSD Client



DUO DOGS MAKING AN IMPACT

88

Active Assistance and Facility Dogs working across the United States, Canada, and the UK



275

ACTIVE
TOUCH THERAPY
TEAMS



200

Community and corporate events attended by our volunteers

240

NEW
VOLUNTEERS

1030

CLIENT
FOLLOW-UPS

\$50,000



The investment required to breed, train, and place 1 Assistance Dog



240,611

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

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100%

OF FACILITIES REPORT SATISFACTION WITH THEIR DUO FACILITY DOG

Duo Dog Derby was placed with Greene County Family Court and Juvenile Division in Springfield, Missouri in 2022 and has been making a daily impact ever since then. Derby attends work with his handlers Danielle and Ashley interacting with families involved with the juvenile court system. Some days, Derby sits beside families in court when they're going through difficult situations. On a quiet day, he goes on an office tour and receives all the pets, interacting with staff who may need some cheering up after an upsetting outcome. On happy days, he celebrates alongside families for their successful case closures. Other days, he's a happy distraction for kids while adults need to have adult conversations, and sometimes he's a subtle snore in the courtroom when the judge has been talking for a while.

THE DUO DOGS TEAM

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